

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

1. An information security system comprising:  
plural information resources distributed amongst and executable on one or more  
servers coupled via a communication network to a client entity, the plural  
information resources having associated trust level requirements;  
a gatekeeper interposed between the client entity and the information resources;  
and  
a credential gathering service common to the plural information resources,  
wherein upon receipt of a first request for access to a first of the plural  
information resources without prior authentication to a sufficient trust  
level, the gatekeeper redirects the first request to the common credential  
gathering service and the common credential gathering service obtains a  
login credential for the client entity in accordance with a mapping rule  
establishing a correspondence between the sufficient trust level and a set  
of suitable credential types, the obtained login credential including an  
instance of a particular credential type from the set of suitable credential  
types.